New Bedford April 15th 1839.
Thursday ~~noon~~ afternoon —

Dear Maria,

I went up in town at noon & found that Mr Collins had gone over to see his wife & would not probably leave town till to-morrow morning, so I will write a little more — In the first place, if you have not yet sent my letter about the fair, let me say that it was settled that they could not do it here, & Susan Taber wrote to the Marshfield people who are getting up one to try to hook their money. If you want to write to them the person to be addressed is Miss Sarah Little. I believe it is south Marshfield, but you can direct I should think under cover of Louisa Phillips — Yesterday I suppose you know was an awful storm, but I went in the evening to Ben Rodman's party. All that clique were there — & all talking abolition — Sam Rodman seemed in a very good way — He is very anxious to see Elizabeth Heyrick's pamphlet, Garrison having mentioned it in his lecture — If you can get it I wish you would send it to me, for he is worth converting people say — Charles Morgan told me he was turning colonisationist, owing to the exertions of a old school friend of his, Elliot Cresson says he — when I told Mr Collins of this he looked perfectly horror struck — He hoped we should have more

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talk on this subject; for he said he was very open to conviction. Wouldnt the Maryland Scheme do for him; send me that too when you have a chance or any thing you think suitable — The lady members of the concern were also some interested, & were very civil & polite to me John James Dixwell it appears has been here the last week & has been filling them with Mr Bates & Elizabeths marriage, the glory of which he made fully to pass before them — He thinks Mr Bates will be in this country during this year but not one else. Van der Weyer was represented as the smallest man ever seen — then too they had canvassed the martyr age & reviewed the effects of all this — Mrs Rodman began the conversation by saying you have had a cousin married with considerable eclat lately &c — You know that money that Stanton reported that he raised in N. B. last year — well he didnt raise any of it Isaac Winslow did it all. & Stanton said to some of the Congdons talking of raising money, oh that is Mr Winslows affair — Write do very soon & tell me how every thing is going on. I suffer for letters — Mr Collins & the Taunton people told me you had some thoughts of coming here, indeed the Taunton people fully expect you & want you to give them a little notice of your coming — Shant you come over here?

I spoke of your coming before Mrs Howland & she wanted me to write & ask you to come here to her house & stay as long as you could. Every one here would be very glad to see you, all you need do would be to make yourself as handsome as you can, that folks need not be disappointed — I dont know that it isnt a duty you owe to your country to have those teeth put in immediately — Write me how the fair goes on & how the feelers received ~~[illegible]~~ it — The Langdons & all here who have seen him are in a perfect extasy in regard to bro Collins — They did not know he was coming, & not expecting him or knowing him, Susan told me this morning with tears in her eyes that they had entertained an angel unawares, but they began to find him out very soon — Every body that I have seen want to hear Garrison in spite of the storm Mary Langdon heard that it was reported in some places that a cold man by the name of Garrison was visiting at their house — I am going sunday to hook up the Methodist minister, Mr Wilson that I used to know here, who was very stout in times past. I asked Mr Crandall if he agreed with him, but he rather evaded the question, so I have hope of him. Mr Crandall said, we methodists generally go to-gether you know — I hope bro Wilson has not peeled. Love to all. How is Mr Chap now — I have been very anxious about him & hope to hear he is ~~well~~ soon give much love to him & all at Chauncy place —

ever yours in love DWS

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Kindness of Mr Collins —

Do write soon

I wore my new silk to the party & looked very smart —

Ms. A.9.2.11.83